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Man Charged with Attacking 75-Year-Old with E-Scooter

A man was charged today with hitting a 75-year-old man with an electric scooter last week in downtown Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Janai Washington (dob 1/25/78), who is homeless, is charged in case BA478820 with one felony count of elder or dependent adult abuse with an allegation that he used a deadly and dangerous weapon and one felony count of assault with a deadly weapon. The charges include allegations of inflicting great bodily injury on an elderly and vulnerable victim.

He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

On June 13, Washington allegedly approached Jose Cancel, who was sitting in a chair at 6th and Spring streets, and threw an electric scooter at him, hitting him in the head. The defendant is accused of then throwing the e-scooter again at the victim while he was on the ground, further injuring him.

A bystander intervened and the defendant fled. Washington was later identified by police and arrested on June 19.

He faces a possible maximum sentence of 10 years in state prison if convicted as charged.

Prosecutors are recommending that bail be set at \$125,000.

The case is being prosecuted by the Elder Abuse Unit and remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Division.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.